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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO
MEMBERSHIP

REF: A. STATE 074827

B. STATE 066738

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1. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ROK AMBASSADOR TUNIS, WE MADE DEMARCHE OUTLINED VARIOUS REFTELS ON APRIL 26, DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS SUPPLIED REFTEL D. DEMARCHE MADE TO DIRECTOR IO DIVISION FOREIGN MINISTRY (TNANI), WHOM WE COSIDER " HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL" AT THIS TIME, IN ABSENCE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS. WE HOPE HAVE OCCASION FOLLOW UP ONCE AGAIN AT HIGHER LEVEL NEXT WEEK.

2. FOLLOWING OUR DEMARCHE, TNANI TOLD US THAT ROK EMBASSY HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHES RECENTLY, USING MANY OF SAME TALKING POINTS. SHE WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON GOT POSITION THIS YEAR, BUT APPEARED SYMPATHETIC TO ARGUMENTS SET FORTH AND
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NOTED THAT GOT HAD TRADITIONALLY ABSTAINED ON THIS ISSUE IN UN FORUMS IN PAST. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT UNLESS HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DECISION INTERVENES BEFORE WHA ASSEMBLY , FOT FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD BE INCLINED FOLLOW SAME PATH THIS YEAR.

3. ROK AMBASSADOR KYU SUP CHUNG TOLD US THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE MADE SERIES OF DEMARCHES TO GOT ON SAME SUBJECT. CHUNG WAS PLANNING SEE FONMIN MASMOUDI AFTER LATTER RETURNS FROM OFFICIAL VISITS TO MOSCOW AND BELGRADE -- SOMETIME AFTER APRIL 27. IN MEANTIME, CHUNG SAW SEC GEN MESTIRI ON APRIL 26. CHUNG HAS ALSO SEEM HABIB CHATTI, BOURGUIBA'S CABINET DIRECTOR, AND HAS RAISED MATTER WITH HIM. AMBASSADOR CHUNG TOLD US THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE GOT HAS MADE ANY COMMITMENT OR DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT AND IS PROBABLY AWAITING RETURN OF MASMOUDI BEFORE MAKING FINAL DETERMINATION. AMBASSADOR CHUNG PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN GOT POSITION, AND WE WILL COORDINATE ANY FURTHER DEMARCHES ON THE SUBJECT WITH ROK EMBASSY.

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